



June 20, 2000

Mr. Jere Glover
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RE: SBA Office of Advocacy

Dear Jere:

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for all the good work that the SBA office has performed for many years. As you know, I have had the pleasure of working with you and your staff (such as Kevin Bromberg) to reduce the impact on small businesses of several EPA regulations. This positive influence on regulations would not have happened without the involvement of your office and the SBREFA process.

Over the past few years I have witnessed the significant gains that the Office of Advocacy has made in the following EPA regulations:


Effluent Limitation Guidelines:

Industrial Laundries
Transportation Equipment Cleaning
Centralized Waste Treatment
Metal Products and Machinery

Stormwater Guidelines

Chemical Reporting

For most of these I was a small entity representative for industry in the SBREFA processes and worked closely with your office during and after SBREFA to reduce the impact of the regulations. Together we have established precedent setting regulations and procedures that will likely save the regulated community several hundred million dollars annually.



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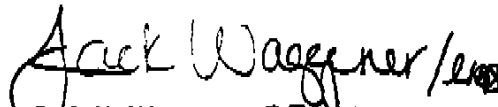
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Often times taxpayers like myself legitimately complain about how our dollars are being spent unwisely by our government; the opposite is true for the SBA Office of Advocacy. I applaud the efforts of your office and I hope that your support and efforts will be able to be expanded in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Kevin Bromberg